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SUBJ: U.S. ASSISTANCE TO SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

REF: STATE 205792

1. SUMMARY. REVIEWED POSSIBLE AREAS USG ASSISTANCE TO STP WITH PRIMIN/FONMIN TROVOADA, BUT DECISIONS ON KEY QUESTIONS DEFERRED UNTIL TROVOADA ABLE CONSULT MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. SAW TROVOADA MORNING SEPTEMBER 13 FOR BRIEF REVIEW OF POSSIBLE AREAS USG ASSISTANCE TO GSTP AS OUTLINED RETEL. TROVOADA TRANSITING LIBREVILLE EN ROUTE TO UNGA (TRAVEL PLANS SEPTTEL) FOLLOWING HIS TRIP TO CAMEROON, IVORY COAST, ALGERIA AND EGYPT AND ONE WEEK BACK IN STP.

3. TROVOADA LISTENED CAREFULLY TO EXPOSITION OF POINTS
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CONTAINED REFTTEL BUT AVOIDED MAKING ANY COMMIT-

MENTS ON BEHALF GSTP. HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF NEED TO DEFINE PRIORITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO DECIDE WHETHER VISITS BY AID AND PC OFFICIALS DESIRED, AND PROMISED LET US KNOW AS SOON AS HE HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH "RESPONSIBLE MINISTERS" AFTER HIS RETURN FROM NEW YORK. HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT U.S. WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM, AND FELT BEST COURSE FOR TIME BEING WOULD BE TO CONTINUE WORKING THROUGH WFP RATHER THAN UNDERTAKE DIRECT U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD.

4. TROVOADA APPRECIATED SUGGESTION THAT GSTP CONTACT ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES FOR POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, APPROACH WHICH HAD NOT OCCURRED TO THEM. PRIMIN DID SPEAK WITH ADB OFFICIALS IN ABIDJAN, BUT FELT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO PROCESS GSTP APPLICATION BEFORE COUNTRY COULD HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM BANK'S RESOURCES.

5. WITH REGARD TO SCHOLARSHIPS, TROVOADA WAS AWARE OF PLANNED TRAVEL BY AAI OFFICIAL JOHN SEMIDA (STATE 216720) TO WHICH HE SAID GSTP HAD ALREADY GIVEN AGREEMENT. MINISTER OF EDUCATION WILL DISCUSS WITH SEMIDA PRIORITIES FOR TRAINING, AND WILL ALSO EXPLORE WITH HIM DESIRABILITY OF USING AAI AS CHANNEL FOR USG SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. I REITERATED TO TROVOADA THAT GSTP HAD OPTION OF HAVING LATTER FUNDS HANDLED DIRECTLY BY AID/W THROUGH EMBASSY HERE, POINT ON WHICH HE AGAIN TOOK CAREFUL NOTES.

6. COMMENT. TROVOADA WAS AGAIN EXTREMELY CORDIAL, BUT SEEMED TIRED AFTER HIS LONG TRIP AND SOMEWHAT HARRIED AS HE PREPARES FOR UNGA SESSION. HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS IN NO POSITION TO MAKE DECISIONS ON QUESTIONS RAISED, AND WOULD HAVE TO REFER ALL POINTS TO HIS COLLEAGUES IN GSTP. FORTUNATELY, GSTP IS REOPENING LIAISON OFFICE IN LIBREVILLE, AND WILL PRESS THEM FOR REPLIES TO MOST URGENT QUESTIONS AFTER TROVOADA RETURNS FROM NEW YORK. SINCE TROVOADA INDICATED HE MAY CONTACT EMBASSY AGAIN ON RETURN TRIP FROM UNGA, WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER IMPRESSIONS OF HIS NEW YORK
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